Adulteration of Ghee

†1111. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that imported palm oil is being used for making ghee and the same is being sold in the name of branded pure ghee; and

(b) if so, the quantity of such palm oil being used for making ghee and the steps Government propose to take to check the same?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) and (b) As per the information made available by the Food (Health) Authorities of states/Union Territories, so far, no such specific report has been received that Palm Oil is being used for making desi ghee.

The provisions of the Prevention of food Adulteration Act, 1954 & Rules framed thereunder are implemented by the Food (Health) authorities of the States/Union Territories through their enforcement staff, who draw random samples of various articles of food including ghee regularly. Appropriate action is taken against the offenders under the provisions of the Prevention of food Adulteration Act, 1954.

The Food Health Authorities of the States/UTs are advised from time to time to keep a strict vigil including launching of special drive on the quality of food articles including 'ghee' sold in the markets.

Strike by Chemists Supplying Medicines to the CGHS Dispensaries

1112. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Chemists supplying medicines to CGHS dispensaries against indents on day to day basis were on strike during March, 2004;

(b) if so, the duration of the strike and the reasons therefor;

(c) what are the contractual obligations of the chemists and Government under the scheme;

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